RANGE EXTENSION FOR *HYPLEUROCHILUS AEQUIPINNIS* (GÜNTHER 1861) IN THE EASTERN TROPICAL ATLANTIC

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ABSTRACT. – The finding of *Hypleurochilus aequipinnis* at Lome/Togo extends the known range of this species in the Eastern Atlantic for 1000 km to the north-west.

RÉSUMÉ. – La découverte de *Hypleurochilus aequipinnis* au Togo étend son aire de distribution de 1000 km vers le nord-ouest dans l'Atlantique oriental.

During a short stay at Lome, Togo (6° northern latitude, 1.5° eastern longitude) I collected some blennioid fish at the outer and inner walls of the harbour. The species encountered were :

Family Clinidae : *Labrisomus nuchipinnis* (Quoy & Gaimard 1824)
Family Blenniidae : *Entomacrodus cadenati* Springer 1966
Ophioblennius atlanticus (Valenciennes 1836)
Hypleurochilus bananensis (Poll 1959)
Hypleurochilus aequipinnis (Günther 1861)
Scartella cristata (Linnaeus 1758).

Described from a single specimen from an unknown location in West-Africa 120 years ago (Günther 1861), *Hypleurochilus aequipinnis* has only recently been rediscovered in the Eastern Atlantic (Bath and Wirtz 1981) : the species was found at Victoria, Cameroon. The occurrence of *H. aequipinnis* at Lome, Togo, extends the known range of the species in the Eastern Atlantic by 1000 km to the north-west.

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